

It is that time of year again! The Edmonton Police Service would like to remind everyone that an influx of kids crossing streets, playing in playgrounds, and taking the bus to and from school should be expected. Many younger kids will not pay attention to vehicles.

Parents

- Please, remind your kids about safe crossing actions at intersections. Take time to practice with them. Try the Point, Pause, and Proceed method:

Point – Be visible - extend an arm to show your intention of crossing the street.

Pause – Look both ways - ensure there are no vehicles on the roadway. Wait for vehicles to completely stop.

Proceed – Cross the roadway - scan the road for any vehicles that may not see you.

Drivers

- Be aware that children may not be paying attention to you when you drive in or around a school.
- Slow down. Be prepared to stop – sports equipment often lands on the roadway when kids play.
- Take time to ensure school kids make it to and from school safely.
- When approaching a school bus, be mindful and proceed with caution. You may not see kids getting on or off the bus.

Please – give the kids a brake. Kids arriving at school safely is everyone's responsibility.

Your best weapon is your brain. Use common sense, imagination, and good judgment.